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2018 GEMN Global Mission Conference
“Mission Connects Us: God, World, Church”
April 11 - 13
Alexandria, Virginia

Virginia Theological Seminary
3737 Seminary Rd
Alexandria, VA 22304
Mission Connects Us: God, World, Church  
April 11-13 ~ Virginia Theological Seminary, Alexandria, Virginia

Conference Schedule

* All Meeting Spaces in Addison Academic Center *

Pre-Conference Programs:
Tuesday, April 10:
- 8:30 am – 6:00 pm: Global Mission Formation Program
  - Program includes lunch
- Arrival day for Conference Attendees – Registration & Welcome
- 5:15 pm – Evensong in Immanuel Chapel
- 6:00 pm – Optional Dinner – Refectory
- 7:00 pm – Meet and greet/Informal Welcome in Scott Lounge

Wednesday, April 11:
7:15-7:45 am: Breakfast – Tickets may be purchased at Welcome Center (next door to Chapel)
8:00 am: Morning Prayer – Immanuel Chapel
8:30 am: Holy Eucharist – Immanuel Chapel (Note: Service in Spanish)
9:00 am: Registration Continues at Addison Academic Center
9:30 am: Conference Opens – Welcome – Addison/Lower Floor Multipurpose Rm.  
  The Rt. Rev. Shannon Sherwood Johnston, Bishop of Virginia  
  The Very Rev. Dr. Ian Markham, Dean of Virginia Theological Seminary  
  Introduction: The Rev. David Kendall-Sperry, GEMN
10:00 am: First Plenary Session Keynote Speakers – Addison/Multipurpose Rm.  
  The Rev. Dr. Robert Heaney, Dir. of the VTS Center for Anglican Communion Studies  
  The Rev Canon John Kafwanka, Dir. for Mission, Anglican Communion  
  Topic: Mission Connects Us – I: Without a Theology of Mission We Perish

*Note on Small Groups* – Small group discussions will take place in situ around the tables in the Multipurpose Room, immediately following the keynote presentation.

Following:
- Small Group Discussion – Addison / Lower Floor Multipurpose Rm.
  12:00 noon: Lunch – Refectory
  1:30-2:30 pm: Connection Building – Session 1 – Addison / Lower Fl. Multipurpose Rm.
  Global Mission Connection Introductions
  2:30 pm: Break

*Note on Workshops* – All workshops will be one hour, and some may be repeated. Please check the workshop schedule for information (pages 9-12).

2:45-3:45 pm: Workshop Session I – Addison Academic Center
3:45 pm: Break
4:00-5:00 pm: Workshop Session II – Addison Academic Center
5:30 pm: Prayer and Praise Evening Prayer – Immanuel Chapel
6:00 pm: Dinner – Refectory
7:00-8:30 pm: Virginia Theological Seminary - Welcome Reception  
  Location: Scott Lounge
Conference Schedule (cont.)

Thursday, April 12:

7:15-7:45 am: Breakfast – Tickets may be purchased at Welcome Center (next door to Chapel)

8:00 am: Worship – Immanuel Chapel

9:00 am: Second Plenary Session Keynote Speakers – Addison / Multipurpose Rm.
Ms. Monica Vega and Ms. Heidi Schmidt, Missionaries in Argentina, South Africa & Brazil
Topic: Mission: A Spiritual Journey Amid the People into the Heart of God

Following: Connection Groups - Session 2 – Addison / Lower Fl. Multipurpose Rm.
12:00 noon: Lunch – Refectory
1:30-2:30 pm: GEMN Annual Meeting – Addison / Lower Floor Multipurpose Rm.
2:30 pm: Break

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2:45-3:45 pm: Workshop Session III - Addison
3:45 pm: Break

4:00-5:00 pm: Workshop Session IV – Addison

5:20 pm: Community / Family Eucharist: Feast of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

6:00 pm: Dinner – Refectory

After dinner: Global Partnerships Presentation & International Mission Fair
Location: Addison/Lower Floor Multipurpose Room and Foyer
The Rev. David Copley, Dir. Global Partnerships & Mission Personnel
Topic: “Mission as Mutual Transformation”

Friday, April 13:

7:15-7:45 am: Breakfast – Tickets may be purchased at Welcome Center (next door to chapel)

8:00 am: Non-Traditional Worship with VTS Community – Immanuel Chapel

9:30 am: Third Plenary Session Keynote Speakers – Addison / Multipurpose Rm.
The Rev Canon John Kafwanka, Dir. for Mission, Anglican Communion
The Rev. Dr. Robert Heaney, Dir. of the VTS Center for Anglican Communion Studies
Topic: Mission Connects Us – II: Without Partnership in Mission We Perish

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Following: Connection Groups - Session 3 – Addison / Lower Fl. Multipurpose Rm.
12:00 noon: Lunch – Refectory
1:30 pm: Departures

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Notice of GEMN Annual Meeting:
The Board of Directors hereby gives notice of the annual general meeting of the Global Episcopal Mission Network which will take place on Thursday, April 12, 2018 at 1:30 p.m. in the Addison Academic Center, Lower Floor Multipurpose Room at Virginia Theological Seminary. All are invited to attend.
Join the Global Episcopal Mission Network (GEMN) and the Center for Anglican Communion Studies at Virginia Theological Seminary in Alexandria, VA to explore what it means to be followers of Christ, especially in a time of polarization and rapid social change, by building connections in mission engagement.

The conference will place a special emphasis on creation and nurture of strong communities, both spiritual and practical. Keynote speakers, working in tandem, will focus on the theology and practice of relationship-building, mutuality, and creating connections as they reflect on God's call to mission...

- The Rev. Canon John Kafwanka, Director of Mission for the Anglican Communion
- The Rev. Dr. Robert Heaney, Director of VTS Center for Anglican Communion Studies
- Ms. Monica Vega & Ms. Heidi Schmidt, Missionaries to Argentina, South Africa and Brazil
- The Rev. David Copley, Director of Global Partnerships and Mission Personnel for The Episcopal Church

Hands-on mission workshops will give you the practical tools to bring back to your diocese, church or mission organization:

- Healthy short-term mission
- Leadership and fundraising
- Asset-Based Community Development tools for mission
- Developing and maintaining mission relationships
- Discerning a call as a missionary
- Spiritual formation resources for mission
- Best practices in mission engagement

About Global Episcopal Mission Network

GEMN is committed to giving you the tools you need for global mission. We are the independent mission network in the Episcopal Church, dedicated to proclaiming, inspiring and igniting the joy of God's mission. GEMN consists of dioceses, churches, organizations, seminaries, and individuals who are passionate about engagement and connecting people through mission.

GEMN's annual Global Mission Conference creates a forum where people who are passionate for global mission engagement meet, learn, and exchange ideas. Together we discern where God is leading us next as the hands and feet of Christ, as a church, as individuals, and as God's people.
Keynote Speakers

The Rev. Dr. Robert S. Heaney joined the Virginia Theological Seminary in Fall 2013. He serves as the Director of the Center for Anglican Communion Studies and Associate Professor of Christian mission at VTS. As Director, Dr. Heaney oversees Communion-wide opportunities for theological reflection across differences, develops theological resources, and promotes inter-cultural and inter-religious practices of reconciliation. He sums up the Center's vision as, "Promoting and practicing better community for the Communion." This vision is driven by three imperatives: reflect, resource, reconcile.

Dr. Heaney received a Ph.D. from Dublin's Milltown Institute of Theology and Philosophy in 2003. In 2010, he accepted a post in Tanzania while researching African and postcolonial theology for a D.Phil. degree from the University of Oxford, which he successfully completed in the summer of 2013. He also received a Master's of Theology in 2006 from the University of Oxford and a B.A. in Theology in 1998 from the London School of Theology.

A mission theologian, theologian of culture, and Anglican theologian, Dr. Heaney has experience of teaching and ministry on three continents and continues to travel widely in the Anglican Communion. Before coming to VTS, Dr. Heaney served as the first Director of Postgraduate Research and Studies at St. John's University of Tanzania, where he was also a Senior Lecturer in the School of Theology and Religious Studies. He has taught courses on Anglicanism, missiology, post-colonial theology, philosophical theology, and African and global theology. In addition to those areas, his research interests also include Mission Theology, World Christianity, and Post-Colonial Theology.

As well as being the author of numerous articles and contributor to various multi-authored volumes he is also the author of, ‘From Historical to Critical Post-Colonial Theology’ (Pickwick, 2015).

The Rev. Canon John Kafwanka has been Director for Mission at the Anglican Communion Office at St. Andrew’s House in London since 2009. In his earlier post as project officer for three years in the mission office, he contributed to the planning of the 2008 Lambeth Conference, the once-a-decade gathering of Anglican bishops from around the world.

Canon Kafwanka is a priest of the Anglican Church of Zambia, where he is an honorary canon of Holy Cross Cathedral in Lusaka. He was principal of St. John’s Seminary, Zambia’s national Anglican seminary in Lusaka, 2001-03. He ministered as regional manager for southern Africa for the Church Mission Society (U.K.), 2003-06, where he covered Angola, Madagascar, Malawi, Mozambique, South Africa and Zambia.


He has parish ministry experience in Australia and Zambia and currently ministers as a non-stipendiary assistant priest in the Diocese of London. He and his wife Martha have teenage children.
Ms. Monica Vega and Ms. Heidi Schmidt are former Appointed Missionaries of the Episcopal Church, currently serving children and youth with drug and alcohol addictions and women who suffer violence in Argentina. Since 2016 they have lived and worked there through the Roman Catholic Diocese of Jujuy in country’s remote northwest.

The model care program, Guadalupe Maria Mother of Mercy, that they are developing has three components: El Fogon, which ministers to children and youth with addictions; Winds of Change, which responds to women suffering violence; and Hermitage, which offers spaces for contemplative prayer, silence and healing through centering prayer and other contemplative practices.

Ms. Vega and Ms. Schmidt are Roman Catholic laypersons who have taken private vows to serve God and God’s people as missionaries who minister with people living on the margins. They seek to live the gospel with their lives, following in the footsteps of Brother Charles de Foucauld of Algeria, to be contemplatives in the world, face to face with God in contemplation and shoulder to shoulder with God in the world, journeying with God’s people.

They receive support from St. Stephen’s Episcopal Church in Richmond, Virginia, which has made their presence at this conference possible. From 2013 to 2016 they were Episcopal Appointed Missionaries with the Episcopal Anglican Church of Brazil, where they ministered among women street vendors in Sao Paulo with the NGO Gaspar Garcia on a multidisciplinary team addressing gender, violence and human rights. They frequently visited rural mission districts to offer workshops on gender and violence and cultivate contemplative practices and prayer within the Diocese of Sao Paulo and the wider Brazilian church.

Ms. Schmidt and Ms. Vega served at El Hogar Cura Brochero, a transitional shelter for homeless men in Buenos Aires, Argentina in 2012-13. From 2005 to 2012 they were DFMS missionaries in the Diocese of Grahamstown, South Africa, where they served in community development through the Isibindi Model of Care for orphans and vulnerable children affected and infected by HIV.

Other mission work they have pursued includes orphanage and hospice ministry in Kenya, health work in the Bronx, and community nursing in Mthatha, South Africa. They met each other and underwent mission formation in 1995 at the Society of Africa Mission in Maryland. Born in Argentina, Ms. Vega holds master’s degrees in education and social work. Born in Queens, Ms. Schmidt holds a bachelor’s degree in science and nursing.

The Rev. David Copley is the Director of Global Partnerships and Mission Personnel for The Episcopal Church, where he oversees the training, deployment and support of mission personnel as well as developing and nurturing relationships with Anglican, interreligious and organizational partners.

Copley, a native of Nottingham, England, began his career as a pediatric nurse in 1981. He traveled to Liberia in 1991 as an emergency medical relief worker with GOAL (Ireland) and UNICEF. Initially, he worked in the rebel-held region of Capemount County where he worked to re-establish 13 rural health clinics, before the war drove out all health workers from this area. He later helped with vaccination campaigns in Buchanan and initiated a health education program with UNICEF in Monrovia. It was during his time in Liberia that his faith was renewed and where he met his future wife, Susan.

The Copleys served as appointed missionaries in Bolivia for four years, working initially with Amistad Mission, an orphanage in Cochabamba, where they helped to nurture the spiritual lives of the children and coordinated short-term mission trips from the US. They later served as lay leaders of a small Anglican house church, La Trinidad, and became involved in prison, youth, and rural development ministries.

On receiving a call to ordination, the Copleys returned to the US in 2000 to attend Virginia Theological Seminary. After completing their studies in 2003, they were appointed as assistant rectors at St. John’s Episcopal Church in Hampton, Virginia.
With Thanks to Our Conference Sponsors

The Center for Anglican Communion Studies at Virginia Theological Seminary

GEMN is especially pleased to partner this year with Virginia Theological Seminary’s Center for Anglican Communion Studies (CACS). Integral to the mission of the seminary, CACS seeks to bring community to the Communion. The Center for Anglican Communion Studies does this through resourcing congregational community, academic community and cross-cultural community.

www.vts.edu/page/anglican-communion-studies

Episcopal Diocese of Virginia

Diocese of Virginia and Mission Beyond Ourselves: "Mission" is important to us because it is our Christian identity to love and serve the people of the world. We do this by being Christ's hands and feet, entering into relationship with those in need, and by obeying the Great Commission he gave us: "Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to all creation." When we enter into this relationship, we receive more than we give.

www.thediocese.net

Episcopal Diocese of Ohio

The Diocese of Ohio Office of Missions encourages and oversees mission work of all kinds, serving as “ambassadors of Christ”, bringing reconciliation, hope and education via financial grants; via relationships with agencies, programs and initiatives; and via the transformation that happens when we engage with Christ in the stranger’s guise.

The Commission on Global and Domestic Mission directs our efforts in our companion Dioceses of Tanga, Tanzania and Belize, and works with congregations to sponsor mission trips around the country and the world. The diocese has sponsored the Ohio/Belize team’s presence at the conference.

www.dohio.org

St. Stephen’s Episcopal Church, Richmond, VA

A Modern Village Green: St. Stephen's Episcopal Church serves locally as a kind of modern village green for many in Richmond. From daily worship to a Saturday farmers market, weekly small groups to world-class guest speakers, providing fellowship and nurture to people at every stage of life, we provide a gathering place where people come to love and be loved, to grow in faith and spirit, and to explore what matters most in life.

St. Stephen’s has graciously sponsored missionaries Heidi Schmidt and Monica Vega to be present at our conference.
Featured Organizational, Seminary and Parish Members

St. John’s Episcopal Church, Beverly Farms, MA and NuDay Syria

Teaming with NuDay Syria, St. John’s has helped build a school just outside the city of Jissr Shughur in the Idlib region of Syria. We are presently outfitting the Future Generation High School for Girls.

www.nudaysyria.net

Christ Episcopal Church, Cedar Rapids, IA and Swazi Companions

The active group of Swazi Companions meets every other month to develop bonds as a spiritual family with our sisters and brothers in the Diocese of Swaziland. Joyful gatherings, such as the annual dessert auction, raise funds to support nutrition, education and safe water projects in Swaziland.

christepiscopal.org/swazi-companions

American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem (AFEDJ)

The American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem (AFEDJ) is devoted to building hope and peace by financially supporting education and healthcare available to all in the Holy Land and raising awareness in the US. AFEDJ has donated more than $25 million in monetary support, medical equipment, and school supplies. AFEDJ builds hope in the Holy Land — one family at a time — in the areas served by the Diocese of Jerusalem. We believe that a stable, better future is truly possible. AFEDJ believes healthy and educated citizens can sustain peace.

www.afedj.org

Jerusalem Peacebuilders

Jerusalem Peacebuilders (JPB) is an interfaith, non-profit organization with a mission to create a better future for humanity across religions, cultures, and nationalities. Integral to that mission is the belief that the future of Jerusalem is the future of the world. To that end, JPB promotes transformational, person-to-person encounters among the peoples of Jerusalem, the United States, and the Holy Land. JPB’s interfaith programs focus on uniting Israelis, Palestinians, and Americans and providing them with the opportunities, relationships, and skills they need to become future leaders for peace in the global community. A passion for peace drives our mission and partnerships power our program.

www.jerusalempeacebuilders.org
St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Columbus, GA

“We are a place for knowing Christ and making Christ known. We are a congregation that seeks, welcomes, and values all people. We are a diverse community that delights in all who walk through our doors. We are a home where friendships form across different ages and backgrounds. We are a church where beautiful worship leads us to create a more beautiful world in God’s image. We are a community of learning, open to new ideas and grounded in scripture and history.”

Trinity Episcopal Church, Ashland, OR

“Trinity Episcopal Church is a welcoming, inclusive and energetic congregation with outreach programs for our local communities and the world. Trinity is a wonderfully rich place for learning and literacy. We welcome visitors with joy and heart. Our mission is to be formed as the Body of Christ in our Anglican/Episcopal tradition; to care for one another and the stranger alike; to seek with passion God's call for us. Our core values are Openness, Compassion, Generosity, Hospitality, and Reverence. Our vision is to be the Anglican/Episcopal presence in Ashland, welcoming all who seek Christ in a parish family. Where all of God’s children can find, celebrate, and grow in God’s grace.”

Church of the Holy Spirit, Sutherlin, OR

“Church of the Holy Spirit has a special ministry to the elderly of the area. We provide a place of liturgical corporate worship, spreading the word of God throughout the community as a part of the greater church in the Diocese of Oregon, the nation, and the world. We envision growth and look for ways to help that happen. We strive to serve God, to serve our community, and to serve ourselves through Christ who lived and died for us.”
**Workshops**

**Wed and Thu (2:45-5:00 pm)**

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- **Addison 212**
  - Session I: Haiti: Culture, Mission, Missionaries, and the Development Process by Pierre Gabaud
  - Session III: Case Study on Cross Cultural Education Experiences and Pilgrimage as Mission
  - Session IV: VTS Student Mission Team

- **Addison 201**
  - Session I: Transformational Mission by Sue von Rautenkranz
  - Session II: Transformational Mission by Sue von Rautenkranz
  - Session III: “Success Mission Model” Panel Discussion Ohio/Belize Presentation Team
  - Session IV: “Success Mission Model” Hands-on Workshop Ohio/Belize Presentation Team

- **Addison 209**
  - Session I: Post-Mission: Understanding the Life of a Returnee by Ted Gaiser
  - Session II: Mission in the Neighborhood and in the Nations by Elizabeth Henry McKeever/Pearson Nhayo
  - Session III: Post-Mission: Understanding the Life of a Returnee by Ted Gaiser
  - Session IV: Mission in the Neighborhood and in the Nations by Elizabeth Henry McKeever/Pearson Nhayo

- **Addison 208**
  - Session III: What in the World Does the TEC Global Partnerships Office Do? Partnerships at all Levels by Elizabeth Boe/Buck Blanchard/Jenny Grant
  - Session IV: Healthy Short-Term Mission by Bill Kunkle

- **Addison 112**
  - Session I: Communities of Hope: How to Build Strong and Sustainable Communities Among the World's Poor by Dale Stanton-Hoyle/Lucy Amina Chaves
  - Session II: Communities of Hope: How to Build Strong and Sustainable Communities Among the World's Poor by Dale Stanton-Hoyle/Lucy Amina Chaves
  - Session III: Getting Beyond Good Intentions by Fran Early
  - Session IV: Getting Beyond Good Intentions by Fran Early
Workshop Descriptions

Haiti: Culture, Mission, Missionaries, and the Development Process
Pierre Gabaud (Wednesday, Sessions I & II)

Description: Haitian culture, and in particular the values of the Haitian rural poor, must be a fundamental consideration in all concepts of development and partnership to be utilized by missionaries in our work, mission and ministry with Haiti. Dr. Gabaud will present the Haitian perspective on effective ministry within the cultural context.

Transformational Mission
Sue von Rautenkranz (Wednesday, Sessions I & II)

Description: Mission done poorly can create deeper divides between people and wider misunderstandings of cultural differences. Mission done well can provide the stimulus and opportunity for participants and leaders to grow in their relationship with God and each other and promote greater understanding and on-going connections across cultural and ethnic divides. This workshop will weave models of spiritual and formational development with the Baptismal Covenant and the Continuum of Community Involvement and Social Change to create mission opportunities that move participants to deepen faith and be agents of change.

Post-Mission: Understanding the Life of a Returnee
Ted Gaiser (Wednesday, Session I & Thursday, Session III)

Description: We tend to do a pretty good job of preparing and sending missioners, helping them raise funds and guiding them in what to expect when they go. Our support for them while living abroad varies and tends to come from a more focused network of friends, family, and church relationships. What happens upon their return, though? This session will provide participants with an opportunity to learn about the realities of returnees, the specific challenges faced by those returning to life and work in the States, and what might be helpful for them and others.

Mission in the Neighborhood and in the Nations
Elizabeth Henry McKeever and Pearson Nhayo (Wednesday, Session II & Thursday, Session IV)

Description: How might we begin to re-imagine a church that is deeply connected both to the neighborhood and to the nations? What questions might we need to ask and what resources might we need to engage to enliven how our parishes think about the mission of God? What does it mean to participate in mission that is practically and theologically robust, connecting us in life-giving ways to the Anglican Communion? These key questions will be explored in a conversational workshop that will help you make a difference in your context. Conversation partners will include international voices and VTS faculty.

Walking Together in Love and Partnership: A Medical Mission in Tanzania
Henry and Priscilla Ziegler (Wed, Sessions I & II)

Description: Drs. Henry and Priscilla Ziegler, Episcopal missionaries in Tanzania since 2005, will describe how they journeyed together with Tanzanian partners in creating sustainable Tanzanian health programs and systems at the community and health facility level. They will describe how they together developed an interfaith-government partnership and identified and trained Tanzanian leaders. Also, they will share some of the bumps and triumphs along the way. They will describe some of the approaches that they feel are important for a mission that truly shows God’s love and makes a lasting difference for the poor we serve.
Communities of Hope: How to Build Strong and Sustainable Communities Among the World’s Poor
Dale Stanton-Hoyle and Lucy Amina Chaves (Wednesday, Sessions I & II)

Description: For the past twenty years, Five Talents has helped Episcopal and Anglican churches (in the worldwide Anglican Communion) to help new entrepreneurs start their own small businesses in some of the world’s poorest and most vulnerable communities. In this workshop, you’ll learn answers to the following questions when serving the poor in Jesus’ name:

- What does it mean for missions to honor the talents and dignity of the poor, especially women who often have no “voice?”
- How are churches building strong communities and nurturing peace and reconciliation in areas of conflict such as South Sudan?
- What does it mean to empower poor communities to use their own resources for good?
- How can cross-cultural mission be oriented around indigenous communities and strengthening local leaders?
- How can your church get involved?

Case study on Cross Cultural Education Experiences and Pilgrimage as Mission: Conflict and Reconciliation in the Atlantic Isles
VTS Student Mission Team (Thursday, Sessions III & IV)

Description: There has been much conversation and scholarship over the last several years as to what is Mission and how do we participate in it. Our orientation as a Church has shifted from the mission of the Church in the world, to the mission of God in the world. What does this mean and how are we to participate in it? How might understanding our participation in the context of cross cultural education and pilgrimage change the way that we interact with people from a different cultural context than our own? Might this be a more holistic way to participate in the mission of God compared to the conventional short-term mission trip? Join four Virginia seminarians in this conversation about cross cultural education, pilgrimage and the Mission of God as they share and attempt to use their recent experiences in the Atlantic Isles. Together we will contribute to this long developing conversation about how and why it is necessary to continually reevaluate how it is that we interact with the work that God is doing in the world.

The “Success Mission Model”
Ohio/Belize Presentation Team (Thursday, Session III & IV)

Description: While working on a mission project between the Episcopal Dioceses of Ohio and the Anglican Diocese of Belize, the participants developed a Mission Model that can be used for both local and global missions. They call this model the “Success Mission Model” and it is a collaboration model that has components such as: a long-term commitment, developing a plan together, building leadership skills, involvement from both parties (leadership, individual skills, fundraising etc.), and continuous/on-going evaluations.

Panel Discussion (Thursday, Session III):
Come listen and take part in a panel discussion about the components of the “Success Mission Model”, from the developers themselves, from the Ohio and Belize Dioceses. You will have an opportunity to ask the panel questions about the Mission Model.

Hands-On Workshop (Thursday, Session IV):
The key players of the Success Mission Model, both from Ohio and Belize, will guide participants through the components of the Model while helping them to create a sample of the Model that they can take back to their home parishes. This promises to be a fun, active and informative session.
What in the World Does the TEC Global Partnerships Office Do? Partnerships at all Levels
Elizabeth Boe/Buck Blanchard/Jenny Grant (Thursday, Session III)

Description: How do Episcopalians build partnerships at the parish, diocesan, and churchwide level? How do missionaries help build partnerships and relationships around the Anglican Communion? Who can I talk to in order to get involved with global mission locally and internationally? Elizabeth and Buck of the TEC Global Partnerships Office answer these questions and more.

Healthy Short-term Mission
Bill Kunkle (Thursday, Session IV)

Description: What does healthy short-term mission mean, and what does it look like? How do we create relationships, foster development and mutuality that does not slip into dependence or paternalism? How do we prepare teams to engage in building relationship in short-term mission? Bill Kunkle shares his extensive experience in leading mission teams throughout the Dominican Republic as he explores best-practices and guidelines for keeping short-term mission healthy.

Getting Beyond Good Intentions
Fran Early (Thursday, Sessions III & IV)

Description: Participants will grapple with how to engage in meaningful relationships across cultures especially when limited to a one- or two-week visit. We’ll look at barriers to mutuality, get a taste of what it can feel like to be “the other” and share stories from many recipients of missionary good will. We’ll explore some guiding principles that can help turn good intentions into positive outcomes.
Mr. Buck Blanchard  
*Staff Officer for Global Mission Development, Global Partnerships Office, The Episcopal Church*

Mr. Blanchard serves as the Staff Officer for Global Mission Development on the Global Partnerships Team of The Episcopal Church. In that role, he works with dioceses across The Episcopal Church to encourage them to become more involved in international mission relationships. He also serves as the Missioner for Outreach and Mission for The Episcopal Church in Colorado, where his role is to encourage and facilitate parishes and individuals as they pursue their call to engage in mission and outreach locally, nationally, and internationally. Prior to joining the Bishop of Colorado’s staff earlier this year, he served as Director of Mission and Outreach for The Episcopal Diocese of Virginia for over 11 years. Mr. Blanchard is a former Peace Corps volunteer, corporate lawyer and venture capitalist. He has a passion for working with parishes and individuals to discern where the Holy Spirit is calling them to establish mission relationships. He and his wife Weezie, an Episcopal priest, recently moved from Richmond, Virginia to Denver, Colorado.

Ms. Elizabeth Boe  
*Mission Personnel Officer, The Episcopal Church*

Ms. Boe is the Episcopal Church’s Mission Personnel Officer. Prior to joining the staff of the Presiding Bishop, Elizabeth was a Young Adult Service Corps missionary in the Diocese of Central Tanganyika in the Anglican Church of Tanzania. She is a member of the Diocese of New York’s Global Mission Commission and a former board member of GEMN.

Ms. Lucy Amina Chaves  
*Five Talents USA*

Ms. Chaves is a missionary from East Africa who has implemented both Western and African approaches to missions and community development. A student of African history and theology, she has served in family, youth, and women’s ministries and is particularly passionate about Christian discipleship and economic empowerment. Ms. Chaves shares first-hand her experiences of poverty, community, and faith in Africa.

Ms. Fran Early  
*Co-author, “Doing Good...Says Who?”*

Ms. Early has been an organizer for the Greater Boston Interfaith Organization since 1996, experiencing the political power that comes from building relationships across the many cultural and religious lines that divide metro Boston. Always a change agent, Fran retired from The Prudential after thirty years in human resources and public affairs. Long drawn to indigenous cultures, she has lived a couple of months each year in Guatemala for the past decade, often with indigenous families in both rural and urban settings. She co-authored *Doing Good...Says Who?* Based on over 400 interviews with volunteers, donors, NGO’s and most importantly the intended beneficiaries of all our good will, five principles emerge. They are illustrated by lively short stories that put the reader on the ground in real situations often turning good intentions into positive outcomes.
The Very Rev. Dr. Pierre Simpson Gabaud
Dean, Theological Seminary of the Episcopal Church of Haiti

Dr. Gabaud was born in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. He holds a Ph.D. in Sociology from Laval University, Canada and a Master of Divinity from University of the South, Sewanee, Tennessee. He also has a Master's degree in Development Sciences from the State University of Haiti, a Bachelor's degree in Law, and a degree in Anthropo-sociology from the State University of Haiti. He was Senior Research Associate at The University of Miami, a Miami Dade College professor, and a professor at Azure College in Florida. He was Consultant to the Board of Education of Miami for formation as well as consultant to FAO and UNESCO. A resident priest in the Diocese of Southeastern Florida, he is currently a missionary in Haiti and Dean of the Theological Seminary of the Episcopal Church of Haiti where he is a professor of sociology and Christology.

The Rev. Canon Dr. Ted J. Gaiser
Rector, Grace Episcopal Church, Bath, ME; Former Missioner to Colombia

Dr. Gaiser has been an entrepreneur, management consultant, online researcher, adjunct faculty member, and missionary. He is currently Rector of Grace Episcopal Church in Bath, Maine. He has traveled throughout North, Central and South America and Europe, and has participated in, led, or co-led, several mission delegations to the Caribbean, Latin America, Africa, and the Middle East. He has lived in Paraguay, Bolivia, and Colombia. Dr. Gaiser has been a volunteer for the Center for Development in Central America (Nicaragua), served three churches in the Diocese of Massachusetts, served on diocesan staff supporting the development of parish-based global mission programs, served as the Director of Development in the Diocese of Colombia, and was the past President of GEMN. He is a Canon in the Diocese of Colombia and holds graduate degrees in theology, business administration, and sociology.

Ms. Jenny Grant
Officer for Global Relations and Networking, The Episcopal Church

Ms. Grant serves as the Officer for Global Relations and Networking in the Department of Global Partnerships. She works to map companion relationships across the Anglican Communion, share the story of Episcopalians engaging in global mission, and on other related projects supported by the team. Prior to this position, Jenny served the church in other capacities including the Young Adult Service Corp in Kenya and a contractor on the Asset-Based Community Development initiative, Called To Transformation. Jenny completed both her undergraduate and graduate degrees in Social Work and Non-Profit Management at the University of Georgia. She now lives in Alexandria, VA with her husband, Jared, and their dog, Bella.

Mr. Bill Kunkle
Executive Director, Dominican Development Group

Mr. Kunkle is the Executive Director of the Dominican Development Group (DDG). He also serves on the Board of Directors for GEMN and the Province IX Development Group. Mr. Kunkle has decades of experience as both a successful building contractor in Florida and in mission leadership. Bill has traveled to the Dominican Republic with short term mission teams from many parts of the United States over the past 19 years to work with the Dominican Episcopal Church. Working through companion diocese relationships and mission partnerships, the DDG has been able to support the Episcopal Church’s initiatives and programs across the island country. This relational ministry and excellent diocesan leadership has provided for dynamic growth and development while working towards financial self-sufficiency for the Diocese of the Dominican Republic.
Ms. Elizabeth Henry McKeever  
*Seminarian, Virginia Theological Seminary*

Ms. McKeever is a middler seminarian from the Diocese of Arkansas. Before seminary, she worked in the non-profit sector on healthcare and economic justice initiatives. Her professional experience includes fundraising, online communications, community organizing and strategic planning in both secular and faith-based organizations.

**The Rev. Pearson Nhayo**  
*Student, Virginia Theological Seminary*

The Rev. Pearson Nhayo is from the diocese of Ruaha in Tanzania. He is presently completing his Master of Arts degree at VTS with a special research interest in cross-cultural ministry both beyond East Africa and within East Africa. He is planning to return to Tanzania to specialize in training Christians in cross-cultural ministry and communication.

**Ohio/Belize Presentation Team**  
The presentation team is made up of experienced educators who have been involved with the program from the very start: Dr. Matthew Teare (Co-director, Ohio), Allana Gillett (Co-director, Belize), Akira Genus (Science Lead Teacher, Belize) and David Marcrum (Pen Pal, Ohio).

The Science Success Program started in 2015. The program is a collaboration between the Episcopal Diocese of Ohio and the Anglican Diocese of Belize.

**Science Lead Teachers:** The Belizean teachers are trained in researched hands-on science teaching methods and strategies, by Ohio teachers, to be used within their classrooms. The teachers are also being trained to be educational leaders within their schools.

**Professional Pen Pals:** Teachers and retired teachers (all subject and grade levels) from the Diocese of Ohio are paired with Science Lead Teachers in Belize. These Pen Pals correspond with Science Lead Teachers, supporting them as they implement successful science research-based teaching strategies.

**The Ven. L. Sue von Rautenkranz**  
*Archdeacon, Diocese of Washington (DC)*

The Ven. L. Sue von Rautenkranz serves as the Archdeacon in Diocese of Washington and the coordinator of a collaborative youth program with five Episcopal congregations. She has served as a Christian formation minister in congregations in four dioceses and on three diocesan staffs. For more than three decades, Sue has led and participated in mission experiences in rural and urban areas in the US, as well as Mexico and Ecuador. She is in the middle of planning two mission experiences for this summer in Haiti and Kentucky for middle and high school youth.

**Mr. Dale Stanton-Hoyle**  
*Executive Director, Five Talents USA*

Mr. Dale Stanton-Hoyle served as a missionary in DR Congo for five years and worked in international development for over 30 years. With a background in management and mechanical engineering, Dale focused on energy efficiency and water management in some of the world’s least developed countries. Today, Dale is the Executive Director of Five Talents USA and helps Episcopal and Anglican churches around the world to address the challenges of extreme poverty. Five Talents helps build strong and sustainable communities through community savings, Christian mentorship, and small business development.
VTS Student Mission Team
The presentation team is made up seminarians Maurice Dyer, Gus Chrysson, Jonathan Pucik and Mary Margaret Winn, who participated in a recent pilgrimage to the Atlantic Isles and will be sharing the learnings from their experience.

Maurice Dyer is a second-year seminarian at Virginia Theological Seminary and postulant from the diocese of El Camino Real, located in the central coast of California. He is a missionary who served in South Africa; in Capetown at the Institution for the Healing of Memories and in Grahamstown living in a monastic community with the brothers of the Holy Cross and teaching in the primary school that they oversaw. His areas of focus are conflict, healing and reconciliation, the exploration and development of personal and communal identity, Muslim Christian dialogue, and the Anglican Communion.

Gus Chrysson is a second-year seminarian of the Diocese of Costa Rica, and a church musician. In his musical capacities, he leads the VTS Schola Cantorum and is on the music staff of St. Paul's Church in Alexandria. A North Carolina native with strong connections to his Greek and Costa Rican roots, Gus is particularly interested in political reconciliation and in fostering theological reflection across religious barriers. Most recently, Gus was appointed as a musical ambassador for the Episcopal Diocese of Cuba, where he led a group of American singers this past November.

Jonathan Pucik is a postulant from the Diocese of Arkansas. An avid runner, occasional cyclist, with a background in mental health and port chaplaincy, Jonathan is passionate about cultivating a robust theology of reconciliation to encourage healthy practice among faith communities.

Mary Margaret Winn is a first-year seminarian from the Diocese of West Tennessee and former youth minister. She is passionate about empowering fellow lay ministers in congregations and engaging in political reconciliation through a Christian dialogue and framework.

Dr. Henry D. Ziegler, MD, MPH
Medical Missionary, Health Tanzania Foundation

Dr. Henry Ziegler has an M.D. from McGill University and an M.P.H. from Johns Hopkins University. He has developed and led a large community health system in Cleveland, Ohio, and been Director of the Prevention Division of Seattle-King County Department of Public Health. Internationally, he has worked in Nigeria, Ethiopia, Uganda, and Afghanistan. Since 2005, Dr. Ziegler has worked in Tanzania as a medical missionary, full-time for three-and-a half years and now part-time. He was Health Director for the Anglican Diocese of Dar es Salaam where he developed community health and clinical programs. In 2008-2009, Dr. Ziegler was also Director of the Dodoma Christian Medical Centre and helped plan for hospital services while developing community and clinical services and management systems. Since 2012, he has been president of the Health Tanzania Foundation. In Tanzania he is currently health advisor for the Anglican Diocese of Dar es Salaam, as well as a partner in an Interfaith-Government Partnership.

Dr. Priscilla B. Ziegler, ScM, ND, MSN
Medical Missionary, Health Tanzania Foundation

Dr. Priscilla Ziegler has both an N.D. (clinical doctorate) in nursing and a M.S.N. in pediatric nursing from Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio. She also holds a Master’s of Science in health education from Johns Hopkins University. Prior to becoming a nurse, she taught English in two high schools in the Detroit area. She has taught pediatric nursing at Case Western Reserve University and Seattle Pacific University in Seattle, Washington. Dr. Ziegler has worked with her husband in Nigeria, Ethiopia, Uganda, and Afghanistan in a variety of programs. Since 2005, Dr. Ziegler has worked in Tanzania, full-time for three-and-a-half years and now part-time. From 2005-2009, she was Nursing Director of the Anglican Diocese of Dar es Salaam and initially acted as administrator and accountant at Buguruni Anglican Health Centre. In 2008-2009, she was Nursing Director of Dodoma Christian Medical Centre. She is currently an advisor for management and nursing for the health program of the Anglican Diocese of Dar es Salaam.
General Information

Conference Location:

This year's GEMN Global Mission Conference will be hosted at:

Virginia Theological Seminary
3737 Seminary Road
Alexandria, VA 22304
Website: www.vts.edu

Virginia Theological Seminary (VTS), formally called the Protestant Episcopal Theological Seminary in Virginia, is the largest and second oldest accredited Episcopal seminary in the United States. Established in 1823, VTS is situated on a scenic 80-acre suburban campus in Alexandria, Virginia. The seminary's foundation was the result of the efforts of a small group, including Francis Scott Key, who committed themselves to the task of recruiting and training a new generation of church leaders following the Revolutionary War.

Land provided in 1827 prompted a move to the current hilltop site. The original library building was completed in 1855 and St. George's Hall in 1856. The landmark Italianate, Gothic Revival, Aspinwall Hall was completed in October 1859. During the American Civil War from March 1862 to August 1865 the Union Army commandeered the seminary buildings and grounds for use as a military hospital. After the war, two professors and 11 veterans reopened the seminary on a campus that had been used to house 1,700 wounded Federal troops and to bury 500 soldiers.

Alumni of VTS have contributed their skills to the development of missions in the wider Anglican Communion. Notable among this number are William Boone, (1811–1864) missionary bishop to the Anglican diocese of Shanghai; John Payne, (1815–1874) missionary bishop to the Episcopal Church in Liberia; Channing Moore Williams (1829–1910) missionary bishop to China and Japan, leading figure in the establishment of the Nippon Sei Ko Kai, (the Anglican Church in Japan) and founder of Rikkyo University; Lindel Tsen (1885–1954) first and only Chinese Presiding Bishop of the Chung Hua Sheng Kung Hui.

The Center for Anglican Communion Studies at Virginia Theological Seminary

GEMN is especially pleased to partner this year with VTS and the Center for Anglican Communion Studies (CACS). Integral to the mission of VTS, CACS seeks to bring community to the Communion. The Center for Anglican Communion Studies does this through resourcing congregational community, academic community and cross-cultural community, including: hosting visiting bishops, Church leaders and religion scholars from around the Communion to conduct research, lead worship, give lectures and provide reflection on how congregations in the Anglican Communion can thrive; facilitating the annual meeting and research of the Society for the Study of Anglicanism; hosting of visiting Muslim scholars; and providing international cross-cultural opportunities to all students.
Accommodations:

Conference accommodations at special discounted rates have been contracted with **Comfort Inn Pentagon City**, located at 2480 South Glebe Rd. Bldg. 2, Arlington, VA 22206. Phone: (703) 682-5500. Hotel reservations should be made **no later than March 27, 2018** to secure the discounted rate; rates are subject to room availability. Utilize group code **3036990** to obtain the discounted rate.

**Comfort Inn Pentagon City** is located 3 miles from The Pentagon and 4 miles from Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport. The rooms feature free Wi-Fi, TVs, desks and coffeemakers. Some rooms have microwaves and minifridges. Suites add living areas with pull-out sofas. Hot breakfast, parking and an airport shuttle are included. There’s also a casual restaurant and bar. Additional amenities include a fitness center, a seasonal outdoor pool and a business center. The hotel is pleased to confirm the following special daily rates for the conference, including the two nights prior and two nights following the conference; utilize code **3036990**. Rates are exclusive of room tax:

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To reserve, **please contact the hotel directly** at:

Comfort Inn Pentagon City  
2480 South Glebe Rd. Bldg. 2  
Arlington, VA 22206  
Hotel Reservations: *(703) 682-5500*  

When making reservations at the hotel, request the group rate for **Global Episcopal Mission Conference or Group ID: 3036990**. If you plan to share a room, please specify the number of beds at the time of booking as well as your roommate’s name(s). If you would like help with finding a roommate, GEMN will be maintaining a list of those who would like to share a room.

Transportation:

**Flights:**  
Conference attendees who require flights are encouraged to arrive and depart from Ronald Reagan Washington Nat’l Airport (DCA), the closest airport. **Those attending the Formation Program should strongly consider arriving on Monday, April 9th in order to attend the full session beginning at 9am on Tuesday, April 10th.**

**Transportation between Airport and Comfort Inn Pentagon City:**  
Attendees staying at the Comfort Inn Pentagon City should contact the hotel directly to make use of the complimentary airport shuttle from Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport (DCA).

**Transportation between Airport and VTS:**  
From Washington National (DCA), take either the Metro yellow or blue line from the airport to the King St-Old Town stop, then either a short cab ride or the AT2 Alexandria DASH bus line to get to the VTS campus. We recommend the Alexandria Yellow Cab Company: 703-549-2500. Tell the dispatcher you need a cab for the Virginia Seminary, 3737 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA. The best campus spot for meeting a cab is at the old white Post Office building between the Refectory and Seminary Road. A cab ride to/from King Street Station to VTS will cost around $9.00. A DASH bus ride to/from the station to VTS is $1.50. The MetroRail is about $2.50 each way from the airport to King Street.
Daily Travel between Comfort Inn Pentagon City and VTS:
GEMN will be coordinating an optional van service between the Comfort Inn Pentagon City and VTS. Vans will depart from VTS to Comfort Inn Pentagon on the evenings of Tue, Wed and Thu (Apr 10-12) after the last scheduled event of the day. Vans will depart from Comfort Inn Pentagon to VTS after breakfast on Wed, Thu, and Fri mornings (Apr 11-13). Transfer time is approximately 15 minutes.

Parking:
Comfort Inn Pentagon City has complimentary on-site parking. Limited parking is also available at the Virginia Theological Seminary. Visit their website for information: www.vts.edu.

Exhibits and Posters:
Tell us your mission story on a poster. Bring global crafts to share or sell. Bring mission-related materials and handouts for your ministry or mission organization. There will be time to share and display tables available (no charge for conference attendees; $35 per display for non-attendees) during one or more of our evening events. Contact Karen Hotte for more information and to reserve exhibit space: gemn@gemn.org.

General Conference Questions:
Karen Hotte, Executive Director, gemn@gemn.org

Global Mission Education
Formation Program for Global Mission Agents:
Our flagship GEMN Formation Program consists of two half-day sessions over a two-year period, held in conjunction with our annual GEMN Global Mission Conference. In addition to attending two Global Mission Conferences, students will explore mission theology, history, discernment, short-term mission themes, and project development. Participants are required to complete reading, fieldwork assignments, and a mission report, receiving certification as Global Mission Agents upon completion of the program. See our GEMN Formation Program Page for more information. The Formation Program will be held this year on Tuesday, Apr 10 from 9am to 6pm, prior to the start of the conference. Program Fee: $85.

You can register for the Formation Program at the time of your conference registration. See www.gemn.org/2018-global-mission-conference for information and to register. Also check out our Formation Program Brochure (PDF).
2018 GEMN Global Mission Conference Fees

“Mission Connects Us: God, World, Church”
April 11-13, 2018 Virginia Theological Seminary, Alexandria, VA

Please Note: Each participant will receive lunches, snacks and dinner, four plenary sessions, choices of workshops on various mission themes, a daily small group experience, daily worship, display tables on global mission topics, and many networking opportunities among those who are passionate about mission. Fees do not include hotel or flights. All conference fees must be received by March 31, 2018 in order to complete registration. Those attending the Formation Program beginning on Tuesday morning may wish to arrive on Monday, April 9th.

Conference Fees

Includes: Lunches, Snacks, Dinners, All Materials & Activities
Wed, April 11, 8:00 am – Fri, April 13, 1:30 pm

Early Bird Rates (Until March 1, 2018)

Conference Fee - Early Bird Member* Rate (Before March 1): $349 p/p
Conference Fee – Early Bird Non-Member Rate: (Before Mar 1): $384 p/p
Two-Day Fee – Includes Meals, Materials & Activities: $260 p/p
One-Day Fee – Includes Meals, Materials & Activities: $125 p/p
Current VTS Students/Staff/Faculty – Incl. all Materials & Activities: $12 p/p

Regular Rates (After March 1, 2018)

Conference Fee - Early Bird Member* Rate (Before March 1): $395 p/p
Conference Fee – Early Bird Non-Member Rate: (Before Mar 1): $430 p/p
Two-Day Fee – Includes Meals, Materials & Activities: $305 p/p
One-Day Fee – Includes Meals, Materials & Activities: $170 p/p
Current VTS Students/Staff/Faculty – Incl. all Materials & Activities: $12 p/p

*GEMN Members include: Any 2018 Individual Member, or the Designated Representative(s) of any 2018 GEMN Member Diocese, Seminary, Church, or Mission Organization.

Special Programs and Rates

Global Mission Formation Program
Tue, April 10, 9:00 am – 6:00 pm
(Includes Tuesday lunch, dinner, and all materials)

Formation Program Fee: $85 p/p

Optional Van Transportation Between Comfort Inn and VTS
(Tue, Wed, Thu evening to hotel; Wed, Thu, Fri morning to VTS)

Round-Trip Van Transfers $40 p/p